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**The Circulation of The Bulletin.**

The Bulletin has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern Connecticut, and from three to four times larger than that of any in the state. It is distributed to over 2,000 of the homes in the state, and read by nearly three percent of the people. In the state it is delivered to over 300 houses, in the state of Connecticut it is delivered to over 1,000, and in all of these places it is considered the local daily.

**CIRCULATION**

1909, average ..... 4,412

1908, average ..... 5,920

Week ending May 13..... **8,050**

**THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEES.**

The republican caucus on Monday evening placed in nomination for aldermen, councilmen and the other offices men who are recognized for their excellence of character and ability by the voters of Norwich.

The leading candidates are men of business ability and have had experience in public service. There is no question but they will, if elected, serve the community ably and faithfully.

It is up to the voters to elect the men best fitted for the positions which they have been selected to honor.

The primary meeting is the one which should always command intelligent attention and sensible action, for it is there the party must give expression to its choice and really set the pace for the final contest at the polls.

The pace has been well set by the caucus and the ticket is most inviting not only to the party, but to the independent voters of the city, and the republican workers should see that the interest is not allowed to wane from now until the issues before the people have been settled on the first Monday in June.

**THE MAN AT THE HELM.**

These are hot days in Washington in more respects than one.

Nothing in the recent history of republicanism has created such fierce antagonisms as the determination of President Taft to negotiate a treaty of reciprocity with Canada.

There is a persistent and violent opposition which President Taft believes is prompted mostly by selfishness and which appears to be irrational.

The enemies of the president picture the situation in this way:

The senate expresses its contempt in these words: "The president had dug a pit, the Canadian reciprocity agreement, and the democrats were now engaged in putting him into it."

The National Grange has been sending circulars throughout the country in opposition to the Canadian reciprocity and they are marshalling the farmers whom they pledge to support no man for office who works or votes for the passage of this bill.

In other words, a large class of American citizens threaten to abandon republican principles because of the pecuniary interests involved. Under such a banner the interests of the many must give way to the selfishness of the few.

President Taft remains calm and believes the advantages of the treaty are numerous enough to bank on and likely to command the cordial support of the American people.

**GATHERING WILD FLOWERS.**

It is not so very many years ago that a man who took an interest in flowers or became enthusiastic over them was considered a "kissed-man" or a "freak"; but now an Ohio editor publicly proclaims that gathering wild flowers is the fairest of pastimes, and that such men are in every flower an expression of the love.

Those who like to stroll the fields and gather wild flowers will enjoy this rhymed story upon them from his fluent pen:

"Every blossom is a verse from the Psalms; every green leaf a Proverb; every trailing vine a Gospel; every bring a Revelation as beautiful and true as Holy Writ. It is Holy Writ, for every part of that bunch of beauty is an expression of God's grace and love. And one feels after a search in the woods for these flowers, the influence of the meekness and tenderness, which grace get into his heart, and convert him into a better man, and so he is, till the old world of streets and crowds but into his heart again and scares them all away."

We cannot all see so much in these floral miracles as this Ohioan does; but we certainly enjoy his fervent love for wild flowers and his poetic interpretation of their beauty and blessing they become to those who dwell close to the heart of nature.

The Toledo Blade inquires what has become of the old-fashioned governor who thinks he could accomplish great things if he only had a democratic legislature. He should look this way:

"When old time brings ten cents a dozen, the average boy believes in working for a city beautiful; at other times it only means to him billboard covered with circus pictures."

**THE NEW SECRETARY OF WAR.**

The appointment of Henry L. Stimson of New York as secretary of war to succeed Mr. Dickinson, who has resigned, calls out no adverse criticism from the press.

There is no reflection cast upon the retiring secretary of war, who gives no other reason than the demand of private business interests upon him.

Secretary Stimson has an excellent record as a progressive republican. He is distinctively a Roosevelt man and stands for virtually all of the Roosevelt policies. It was through Roosevelt that he was first introduced to the general public, when Roosevelt appointed him United States district attorney for a section of New York.

His long association with the prosecution of the Sugar trust and his figured very largely in the times and United States rebate cases of recent times.

He has the confidence of the people in his ability to fill this new office to the satisfaction of the administration and his party.

**LOOKING FOR NORTHERN SEED POTATOES.**

A resident of Texas, who formerly lived at St. Albans, Vt., writes The Messenger of that place that Texas, as well as Virginia, to which 10,000 seed potatoes were recently sent, is looking north for seed potatoes and has the prospect of the prospect.

If this part of Vermont can raise for Virginia seed potatoes that pass a rigid inspection by a United States government expert and win a contract for the seed potatoes, and the farmers who grow them, it is to be hoped that the farmers hereabouts taking advantage of this new market that Mr. Smith proposes to them. This is the kind of specific that pays!

This is the kind of intensive farming that has money in it! It takes gumption and hard work for a while; it takes alertness and enterprise in securing the contract; it requires painstaking, care and absolute honesty in filling it. But there is good money in it when the season is over, and a promise that a satisfactory supply this year will mean an increased business in the same market in the years to come.

Why cannot Connecticut come in for a share of this seed potato trade? Our farmers produce the best of seed corn, and are not behind in producing first class products. It seems as if it might pay them to make a trial with a view to capturing a little trade of this sort.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

It is substantial progress that makes a hot-air boom for a town look dilapidated.

It looks as if Madero had serious troubles of his own which must be a source of comfort to Diaz.

President Taft is satisfied to let the country know that he isn't scared whoever is doing the talking.

America makes more beer than Germany and drinks more, but there is no bragging about its being of superior quality.

A Brooklyn minister has found that there are 150 different conceptions of hell, and he has never canvassed Foster, R. I.

Since President Diaz declines to resign, it is fair to assume that he is sure that the line of retreat is open should he want to use it.

A contemporary says man might say all that it is necessary to say in fifty words; and he wishes as much could be said for woman.

The National guard stands ready, but most of the boys would prefer to let George go to the Mexican border at this time of the year.

The fashion in which Mexico talks peace between battles makes it appear that the good old way of winning it was not wholly abandoned.

Happy thought for today: The bridge in front of us is of little account. If we cannot cross it we may go over the river in a boat.

The latest from Vermont: Where a moose battle was won usually a cannon stands; but where a famous battle was lost a Cannon sits.

We are not quite as unfortunate as Maryland, which the Baltimore says has politics for breakfast, dinner and supper the year round.

As a man expresses himself in English, an exchange wants to know why he invariably says "My street," and is very careful to say "Our alley!"

The complexion that comes off at the wash bowl does not find favor with England's new queen. The real bloom of the peach is what she stands for.

The hope is being expressed that the Englishman who has invented something to produce sleep has not neglected something to prevent snoring.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**When Fruit Trees Should Be Sprayed.**

Mr. Editor: Inquiries have come to me lately regarding the spraying of fruit trees and its effect upon bees. Will you kindly print this letter, which will serve as a general answer to these inquiries?

No harm to bees comes from the spraying of fruit trees provided the spraying is done at the proper season. As to what is the proper season, fruit growers are not in full accord. Those who have made this subject a matter of careful study, however, state that spraying should not be done while the trees are in bloom.

Among the latter is Mr. E. E. Brown of Pomfret, a gentleman who is well known throughout the state for his skill in growing prize taking apoc. Mr. Brown keeps bees for two purposes: chiefly for their aid in fertilizing the blossoms of his apple trees, but also because of his interest in the insects themselves. I am quoting Mr. Brown's words almost verbatim in the following:

"I would not spray the trees while they were in bloom, because the bees. But even if I did not keep bees, I would not do it, because I believe that high pressure spraying injures the bloom, causing imperfect and deformed apples. I spray just after the petals have fallen."

A few years ago, when spraying first

**THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY**

**OBJECTIONS**

"I bought some flower seeds this morning," said Mrs. Turnover, "and I wish, while you have nothing to do, you would go and plant them south of the house."

"There isn't any sense in planting flower seeds south of the house," replied Turnover. "If you want to plant them, you might as well plant them in the furnace as to put them south of the house. Here you've lived over forty years and don't know where to plant flower seeds yet! You ought to go to a night school and take a course in botany."

"Well, for goodness sake, plant them on the north side of the house, then," said Mrs. Turnover. "I want to brighten up our yard this year, and a few flowers will be a great improvement. Take the seeds and plant them north of the house, where there is plenty of shade."

"That would be worse yet," objected Turnover. "Will you never learn anything, Mary Jane? Your exhibitions of ignorance are astonishing and painful. Any schoolgirl knows that flowers won't grow on the north side of a house. There they are exposed to all the cold winds and get none of the vitalizing sunshine, and they just blow up like balloons and burst before they have a chance to bloom. Your idea of having flowers about the place is a good one, but you should exercise some judgment in selecting a place for them. You might as well plant flower seeds in the refrigerator as on the north side of the house."

"Oh, of course, you will have ten thousand objections, no matter what I suggest. When you hold of my mind by a rubbery old neck it's impossible to get you to turn a hand to anything. I'll do it there and about, and object, and object."

"This is far from being a rubbishy

started, a firm dealing in spraying out its seed, out printed directions instructing the buyers of their machines to spray the trees while they were in bloom. This unwise instruction was offered while the whole matter was in the hands of the fruit growers and bee keepers. To the fruit grower because of lessened crops of fruit, and to the bee keeper because of poisoned bees. In some localities the bees were nearly all killed off by this throwing of poisoned sprays upon the blossoms which the bees were visiting to gather the honey which the apple blossoms so freely furnished.

The bee is most useful to the apple grower. Large orchards hold of small orchards, but small orchards, and the wild bees of various sorts are not sufficient to pollinate the blossoms except in small orchards and isolated trees. This has been noted again and again. In the case of large orchards the bees are not sufficient to pollinate the blossoms, and the fruit growers are forced to employ the services of a bee keeper. Both fruit grower and bee keeper should do all they can to prevent death and destruction from coming to the honey bee from spraying of trees out of season.

The spraying which brings harm to the bees is done while the trees are in bloom, to harm coming at any other time. The proper time to spray for the codling moth, or to prevent wormy

**Plans for State German Day.**

The state executive committee of the German Federation of Connecticut held a meeting recently at the state headquarters in New Britain. State President William F. Lange presided. The following thirteen cities and towns were represented: Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Meriden, Seymour,

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**Cruel Fate.**  
Can it be within the bounds of possibility that all those senatorial tears for Lormier were shed in vain? Manchester Union.

M. Quad, for 22 years the "funny man" on The Detroit Free Press, now lives in Brooklyn. His real name is Charles B. Lewis.

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